

April 2007

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### Service Times

- **8:30 a.m.**  
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- **9:45 a.m.**  
Contemporary Service  
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- **11:15 a.m.**  
Contemporary Service

# The Update

## Reaching the Next Generation Campaign

—Status of new children/youth wing

**L** FMC has reached the midpoint in our three -year campaign to raise funds to erect the children/youth wing addition to our campus. Indeed May marks the 18th month of this campaign. We are at midpoint in our timeline; we are also at midpoint in the status of received pledges and donations! Coming into May, we have received more than \$600,000 in contributions to the children/youth wing construction project, representing half of the pledged \$1,200,000. We thank you and praise God for your faithful giving to this important project.

### May events

We want to share this midpoint milestone together. During May, there will be several opportunities for you to participate in various activities and celebrations. During services on Sunday, May 13, we will take a brief time in each service to commemorate this midpoint milestone. The following Saturday and Sunday, May 19 and 20, we will be offering guided tours of the children/youth wing so that you can see for yourselves the progress and the vision for this new addition to our campus. Sign up sheets will be available in the foyer of the church sanctuary starting on Sunday April 29 so that you can reserve your timeslot for this tour of the children/youth wing. Staff members and ministry board members will be available during the tours to answer any questions you may have.

### Participating in the second half of the campaign

While May 2007 marks a celebration for raising half of the funds needed to erect the children's wing, it also marks the beginning of the second half of the campaign. We continue to pray for continued faithful giving on the part of those who have pledged toward the \$1,200,000 goal. You have been so generous during the first half of the campaign. Please accept our heartfelt thanks! You are a blessing

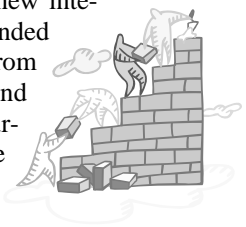
to the children and youth who will be using this new facility.

### New donations sought to complete funding of the children's wing

If you have not yet participated in this church-wide campaign to *Reach the Next Generation*, please know that you can vitally contribute during the second half of the campaign. In particular, we still need to raise an additional \$600,000 to complete the children/youth wing and avoid long-term debt. This \$600,000 was not part of the original \$1,200,000 pledged toward erecting the building. We will be sharing more about this additional amount needed during the next few months. If you are new to LFMC or were not able to participate in the original \$1.2M campaign, please prayerfully consider if you would be able to participate in funding the remaining \$600,000 to finish this project. One time gifts or 2-3 year pledged giving opportunities are available.

### Buy-A-Brick fund raiser

Also, LFMC will be offering commemorative bricks for sale. This fundraising project, called "Buy-A-Brick", will become available in May. You will be able to purchase a memorial brick with your favorite scripture verse or with a memorialized name inscribed. These bricks will be used along the new interior wall to the expanded foyer. Proceeds raised from the Buy-A-Brick fund raiser will be used to furnish the interior of the new expanded foyer wall and purchase a sound system.



If you have any questions about the second half of our campaign, don't hesitate to contact the church office, Rowley Tedlock (campaign director), or Dan Flynn (campaign follow-up) for more information.



**J**esus said, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men." What are some unique ways to surface opportunities to generate spiritual conversation with others? Can you relate your faith to people in ways that would cause *them* to initiate spiritual

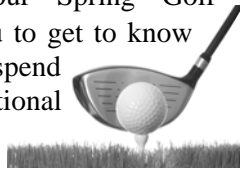
conversation with you? Are non-Christians comfortable around you? Are you comfortable around them? Should there even be a *we and them* mentality? We are offering a second phase workshop: **Relationships With A Purpose** that will address these issues and others—with some practical helps and suggestions to better equip you to share Christ with your friends. If you are wanting to *become* better equipped in relating the gospel to others, please make this *personal growth workshop* a priority in your schedule.

## PRIMETIMER'S 8TH ANNUAL SPRING FLING

**A**re you 50 or better? You're invited to our Primetimers' social MONDAY, MAY 14, at 6 p.m. This 8th annual SPRING FLING is a catered dinner (\$9 each). Call Sharon Sabraw at 841-1092 to make reservations by May 6. The Men's Quartet will entertain for our program. Please join us.

## LFMC Spring Golf Classic 2007

We are taking sign-ups for our Spring Golf Classic! This is a fun event for you to get to know other people in the church and to spend time with your friends in a recreational setting! Sign-ups are open to all!



- **When:** Saturday, May 12
- **Where:** Forbes Golf Course, Topeka
- **Who:** Men & Women
- **Time:** 1st Tee time is 9:00 a.m.. We need to be at the course by 8:30 to get team assignments and tournament rules.
- **Cost:** \$12 include 9 holes of golf & prizes, too.
- **Registration:** Registration deadline is April 28. Forms will be at the church and Sundays in the foyer at a designated table. Please make checks payable to: LFMC. No refunds unless notified of cancellation prior to May 12. Refund amount will only be \$8 total as \$4 goes to prizes and refreshments. If you are signing up for a team of four, please supply names and scores for each golfer.

**Note:** We will play "best ball" with some other interesting rules to make it fun for all! Forbes is an easy course to walk. Players wishing to rent a cart may do so the morning of the tournament for \$6 a player.

For information contact Pastor Larry Baldrige either at [lbaldrige@lfmchurch.org](mailto:lbaldrige@lfmchurch.org) or 842-2343.

## Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

- Saturday, June 3, 2007
- 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

**W**e appreciate you and your partnership in ministry with us this past year at the Lawrence Free Methodist Church. Whether you have ministered on a weekly basis or for an hour or two, your contribution to building God's Kingdom is vital!

As a token of thanks from the Pastoral Staff, we'd like to invite you to bring your family to the church anytime between 8 and 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 3, and have a quick breakfast on us.

RSVP by May 28 by calling the church office at 842-2343 or e-mailing Laura Green at [lgreen@lfmchurch.org](mailto:lgreen@lfmchurch.org).

## Contact *The Update*:

**T**he Update is a monthly publication of Lawrence Free Methodist Church.

If you have **Letters to the Church**, please e-mail them to [update@lfmchurch.org](mailto:update@lfmchurch.org) or drop them into the Update box in the church office. The deadline for each issue of *The Update* is the second Sunday of the month.

The current issue of *The Update* is available on our website at [www.lfmchurch.org](http://www.lfmchurch.org) by clicking on "News and Calendar." Printed Update newsletters are mailed to regular attenders and also available for pick-up in the foyer.

## Dear Church Family,



Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers you sent following the death of my father. Thank you also for all your concern, thoughts, and prayers during his battle with cancer. It is difficult to lose someone we love but it helps to have family, friends, and mostly our Heavenly Father to comfort us.

Since beginning to attend LFMC, four and a half years ago, my faith has been strengthened, and I have learned to depend on God. I will carry this with me with me as I face hard days ahead, grieving the loss of my dad. Thank you for providing a foundation and “home” for me to trust Him more each day.

In Christian love,

*Stacy Johnson*

We want to thank you for the cards and the beautiful silk floral arrangement you sent after the passing of Gerald’s mother. We take comfort knowing that she is at peace with her Lord and Savior. Also thank you for your prayer support which we have truly felt.

*Gerald & Bertie Tilley*

Thank you so much for all your prayers, calls, cards, food, and thoughtfulness since my fall. The flowers were beautiful and lifted my spirits. God is blessing us through you.

*Vivian June*

Thank you very much for the floral display in memory of my daughter, Nina. I share now in the pain of many other mothers who have lost a child. The flowers remind me of a beautiful earth and ease some of the hurt.

*Helen Johnston*

Thanks to all the wonderful folks that donate food to the Pelathe Community Resource Center. Your hearts are big and everything is greatly appreciated.

## The Privilege of Prayer

When God created people and all that is created, He knew we would have tribulations, problems and difficult situations. By His love and mercy, He gave us the privilege of prayer—to cast our cares upon Him.

Philippians 4:6; “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God.” He hears and answers all our prayers with “Yes,” “No,” or “Wait.” We are told we have not because we ask not.

The Prayer Team desires to join you in your petitions. We invite you to write your requests on the back of the Communications Card—confidential always! When you receive an answer (often better than we even knew how to ask) and choose to inform us, we will join you in rejoicing and praising Him together. Better together.

May all who attend the Free Methodist Church know we care about each other and pray for one another.

*Lee Flanders*

~ for the Prayer Ministry Team

## Women’s Life Program Presents “Sweet Times” Dessert and Prayer Time

The Women’s Life Program would like to invite all women to our “Sweet Times” dessert and prayer time on Sunday evening May 6 at 7:30. The purpose is two-fold; you can catch up with the new friends you made at our recent women’s event, and you can spend some time praying, silently or aloud, for our women’s program. No cost. Please call Brenda at 312-9950 or email her at [bflynn@sunflower.com](mailto:bflynn@sunflower.com) if you plan to attend so we can get an idea how many

luscious desserts to provide!

You know how you just lose touch with other women during the summer? Everyone’s traveling or going to kids’ baseball games or whatever, and we women miss each other’s company. Watch for sign-ups soon in the church foyer for women’s “Summer Perks” groups! You can sign up to be part of a group of six women who will get together for coffee once a month during June, July and August. You can come up with your own

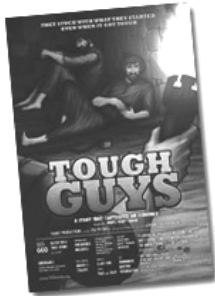
group if you like; just be sure to include some women you don’t know very well yet and fill out a form at our table!

Last May we held a successful “Lights Out!” event, and we’ve decided to do it again on Friday evening, June 22. We’ll begin with dinner at 6:30, followed by a Christian women’s speaker on video. Time to chat, laugh, eat and be mesmerized by good, Bible-grounded teaching. Signups will begin June 3.

The end of the school year is always a challenge – getting kids to hang in there and work hard for the last few weeks. On top of that, summer sports are kicking into high gear, too. Over the next few months, many parents will have the “just keep working hard” and “don’t give up” talks with their kids who are discouraged about their performance in the classroom and on the ball field.



For these reasons, the timing of our May Kids' Cove theme couldn't be better! We'll be exploring the virtue of endurance – sticking with what you started even when it gets tough. This virtue is so critical, not just during our early years in life, but throughout life! Parents are encouraged to take advantage of the GodTime and Refrigerator Cards that Kids' Cove provides. These materials are excellent tools for parents to use to reinforce what is being learned in Kids' Cove and for families to talk about life-long character traits and how they can be lived out on a daily basis.



The memory verse is one we would all do well to take to heart: *“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we*

*do not give up.” Galatians 6:9.*

## CLC CELEBRATES THE END OF A SUCCESSFUL YEAR!

CLC celebrates the end of a successful year!

On April 25, 2007, many of our CLC'ers, their families and friends gathered for our final Honor Council of the year! The CLC'ers have worked hard all year to earn their badges and were recognized for their accomplishments. A few children earned some higher awards for earning all their badges for the two years they were in their squadron. These children earned the following awards:

- **Todd Award (1st/2nd grade):** Morgan Monroe, Michael Rubin, Scott Walker, and Luke Winchester
- **Fairbairn Award (3rd/4th):** Camden Leary, Lucas Mackey, Amy Oelschlaeger, and Nick Rice
- **Roberts Award (5th/6th):** Katie Jacobsen, Ashley Arnold, Hailey Rubin, and Lindsey Moszeter.

Katie Jacobsen received the highest award of the evening, the John Wesley Medallion. This award goes to the students who earned all badges in CLC from 1st to 6th grade. Congratulations Katie!

We celebrated our success with some ice cream and games in the Family Life Center.

## Kids' Cove Hawaiian Luau

Sunday, May 27, 9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

We're pulling out all the stops at Kids' Cove on Sunday, May 27, for our end-of-the-year Hawaiian Luau. Invite your friends for a morning of fun activities that will be sure to give you the time of your life. You might just get a little wet, so dress accordingly.



## Gearing Up for Vacation Bible School

Discovering our mission in life isn't just for adults. Children are asking the same sorts of questions...Why was I born? What's my purpose in life? What will give my life real meaning? This summer our kids will get a chance to explore the answers to these questions at SonForce Kids: Courageous Kids On a Mission for God. We are anticipating a large number of children and are looking for volunteers in many areas to make this year's VBS an extra special event in the lives of our children and their friends. Parents are strongly encouraged to get involved in this excellent program for their children.

There are many areas in which you can participate—decorating, registration, crafts, recreation, skits, music, small group leading, Bible centers, memory station, nursery, prayer, snacks, and dinners.

Our daily missions for our courageous kids will take place July 23-27 from 6:00 – 8:45 p.m.

If you are interesting in making a difference in a child's life this summer at SonForce Kids: Courageous Kids On a Mission For God, please contact Mandy Grosdidier at 331-4457 or at [vbs@lfnchurch.org](mailto:vbs@lfnchurch.org).

## A Decorating Opportunity You Won't Want to Miss!

Are you interested in helping transform our church into a high-tech command center orbiting above the earth for this year's Vacation Bible School? We are looking for people to join our VBS decorating team. We will be planning and preparing decorations and other materials prior to VBS, which is scheduled for July 23-27. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Mandy Grosdidier at [vbs@lfnchurch.org](mailto:vbs@lfnchurch.org) or at 331-4457.

## Junior Camp

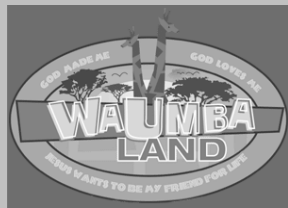
for 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> graders

~ June 4-8, 2007 ~

Registration deadline: May 6

L FMC third through fifth graders and their friends are preparing for summer camp at Rock Springs Ranch near Junction City, Kansas. The week will be filled with fun activities, interesting classes, exciting chapel times and great food. Students can build lasting relationships, grow closer to God and—all the while—make wonderful memories! The cost is \$200. Brochures are available at church or can be e-mailed to you if you contact Carolyn Heacock at [cheacock@lfmchurch.org](mailto:cheacock@lfmchurch.org). The final day to register is May 6.

**What's  
happening in  
Waumba Land  
in May?**



## GRADUATE RECOGNITION:

We will be recognizing all of our graduates during the month of May. We will be recognizing college graduates on May 6 in all 3 services, and then we will recognize high school graduates on May 20. If you're a graduate, or have a graduate that you would like to have recognized, please submit their information to Travis Evans by calling the church office or sending it to [tevans@lfmchurch.org](mailto:tevans@lfmchurch.org). We will need the graduates name, school, and degree.



## Spring Plant Sale

**Saturday, May 12, 9:00 a.m. - Noon**  
**Church's West Parking Lot**

Student Ministries is hosting it's annual Spring Plant Sale on May 12, just a day before Mothers' Day, so you can pick up a last minute gift that will last all summer long! There will be a good variety of annuals and perennials to choose from, as well as some vegetables and ornamental grasses. It's a great way to spruce up your yard while supporting our youth in their summer camp and missions ventures. The sale will be hosted at the main entrance to the church from 9:00 a.m. to noon.



## Student Ministries Calendar

Refuge – Thursdays at 7 p.m. for all high school students

Fuel 78 – Sundays at 9:45 a.m. for all junior high students

May 6 – College Grad Recognition Sunday

May 12 – Spring Plant Sale Fundraiser

May 20 – High School Grad Recognition Sunday

**Lawrence Free Methodist Church  
Sunday Morning Services and Programs**

8:30 a.m. - Traditional Worship

9:45 a.m. - Contemporary Worship  
Preschool classes

Kids' Cove for children grades K-6  
Fuel 78 - grades 7 & 8  
Small groups for high school and adults

11:15 a.m. - Contemporary Worship  
Preschool classes

Nursery is available 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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